

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT

OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-D-09-18

Issued at Sitka, Monday, April 30  
2018

Effective 12:01 a.m. Tuesday,  
Date: May 1, 2018

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Thursday,  
June 14, 2018, unless superseded by  
subsequent emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order liberalizes regulations in the saltwater area near Hidden Falls to target hatchery king salmon returning to Hidden Falls Hatchery.

**REGULATION:** The provisions of 5 AAC 47.021(g)(9) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, May 1 through 11:59 p.m. Thursday, June 14, 2018:

**5 AAC 47.021. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the salt waters of Southeast Alaska Area.**

(g) In the Sitka vicinity:

(9) the waters of Chatham Strait, within one nautical mile of the Baranof Island shoreline south of the latitude of South Point and north of 57°06.83' N. lat. (south of Takatz Bay) excluding waters of Kelp Bay as described in 5 AAC 33.374(a) and westward to a line at 57°13.18' N. latitude, 134°51.88' W. longitude to 57°12.91' N. latitude, 134°51.50' W. longitude to 57°12.81' N. latitude, 134°51.48' W. longitude to 57°12.65' N. latitude, 134°51.48' W. longitude:

(A) the bag and possession limit is one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length;

(B) from May 1 through June 14, a nonresident's annual harvest limit is three king salmon, 28 inches or greater in length.

Sam Cotten  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Troy Tydingco  
Sitka Area Management Biologist  
Division of Sport Fish

**JUSTIFICATION:** The waters of Chatham Strait are closed through June 14 to the retention of king salmon to protect wild stocks of king salmon returning to mainland rivers. However, returning hatchery king salmon are available for harvest near the Hidden Falls Hatchery. The expected total return of hatchery king salmon to Hidden Falls (2,000 fish) is in excess of broodstock needs (1,000 fish). This opening will allow opportunity for anglers to retain hatchery king salmon. A portion of the THA near the hatchery will remain closed to provide protection for returning broodstock.

**PREVIOUS EMERGENCY ORDERS AFFECTED:** Emergency Order 1-KS-R-02-18 establishes areas and times when king salmon may not be retained in the vicinity of Haines, Skagway, Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell and Ketchikan; these actions are being taken to reduce the harvest of Southeast Alaska wild king salmon stocks and meet objectives for king salmon management within the Pacific Salmon Treaty and are not affected by this emergency order.

**DISTRIBUTION:** The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270.